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Mexican War Diary of George B. McClellan. Edited by William Starr Meyers. Princeton University Press, 1917. pp. 97.

Professor Meyers of Princeton in editing this Diary of Lieut. McClellan has made a contribution to the original printed material dealing with that much mooted Mexican war. To the student of McClellan's life, the diary affords an insight into the general's character, which will explain his successes and his failure in the Civil War. With his men, he was so considerate that he became their beloved hero, with his superiors he was sensitive, critical and restless whether as a young subordinate officer under General Paterson or as a commanding general under Lincoln. Something of a scholar, McClellan wrote as interesting as he observed closely.

The picture of Mexico and its people, the army life, the campaign at Vera Cruz are described vividly. His caustic comment on political officers, "Mustang-Generals," and his frequent attacks on the "citizen-soldiery" have a West Point tang, which will interest and afford valuable arguments for those favoring a large standing army of trained regulars. Falstaff's company in the young officer's mind, was splendidly trained and equipped in comparison to the infantry volunteers who brooked little discipline and few orders, treated the natives inhumanly, destroyed property without need, mounted themselves on mustangs to save marching, drank heavily, and died in large numbers because of total ignorance of military precautions. Frequent are the references, seldom approving, to Generals Taylor, Scott, Paterson and Quitman and to young brother lieutenants, who were destined for high military service in the Union or Confederate armies. Dr. Meyers promises a biography of General McClellan, which we await with impatience.

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The Kenrick-Frenaye Correspondence, Letters Chiefly of Archbishop Francis Patrick Kenrick and Marc Antony Frenaye, from the Cathedral Archives of Philadelphia, 1830-1862 by F. E. T. Philadelphia, 1920.

The Diary of Archbishop Kenrick (1917) was hardly completed when its editor was entrusted by the late Archbishop